



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, be extended for two months until February 18, 2004. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a),(2) is the fee of \$210.00 as required. Please

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